HOUSE No. 753

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, petition of Eugene L. O'Flaherty relative to the solemnization of marriages by justices and associate justices of the courts of the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

An Act allowing the solemnization of marriage by a judicial officer.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 38 of chapter 207 of the General Laws, as most
- 2 recently amended by chapter 498 of the acts of 1998, is hereby
- 3 amended by inserting after the word "faith;", in line 6, the words:
- 4 by the chief justice and associate justices of the supreme judicial
- 5 court; by the chief justice and associate justices of appeals court;
- 6 and by the chief justice and associate justices of each of the
- 7 departments of the trial court.